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Culinary strike set for July 7!

REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

UNION SQUARE

San Francisco is slightly out of our bailiwick, but the present writer has a personal interest in the dispute over banning discussion of politics and religion in Union Square. For, like many workmen very short on formal education, he has always felt that the Public Library was his university and the Public Park was his campus.

When snow was on the mountains in Oregon, and timber was coming down the Hood River, there was idle time in Portland, and many discussions on religion and politics in the Public Park. In Seattle, too, San Francisco, and San Jose, one got so many ideas — many of them cuckoo, of course — by listening to the gassers in the Public Park.

This was in the now vanished era of steam beer, when one had to like it, in order to have a right to the big free lunch. Steam beer is going out fairly quietly, but it would be a shame if free speech went out quietly from Union Square.

SEEDY SALESMAN

Ernest Besig very aptly quotes a decision of the U. S. Supreme Court of twenty years ago to the effect that parks are traditionally used for "communicating thoughts . . . and discussing public questions."

That's it, and there is a terrible smell of conformistic respectability about some of the announcements of the commission in San Francisco charged with managing the park system.

The contacts in a park are very much at random, and should remain so. For instance, the present writer remembers so well the seedy little salesman whose shoes barely hung together who, in a random conversation in San Jose's St. James Park, gave him the idea of going and asking for a job in a newspaper office, and thus getting him started on work he's followed ever since.

SHUT LIBRARY, TOO?

Surely there are still wandering young workmen who might make new starts in life through meeting seedy folks in the parks not acceptable to conformistic respectability.

If they shut down on free speech in Union Square, why not shut down on free books in the public library also, and go whole hog? According to many articles in the Chronicle, it's one of the worst public libraries in the U. S., anyhow.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Tom Anderson is elected member of the CLC Executive

Thomas W. Anderson was elected to the executive committee of the Central Labor Council at this week's meeting.

Anderson, a delegate from the Joint Council of Dining Car Employees Local No. 456 of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union, got 68 votes to the 60 votes cast for Alfred M. Hansen of Electrical Workers 1245.

The vacant place on the board was caused by the resignation of Charles Geroni recently to take a place with the California Vision Service.

Members of the election committee were: Jack Long, Vern Stambaugh, Robert Rivers, Lloyd Ferber, and Ben Marshall.

Ruth Suhling, Communications Workers 9415, had previously been nominated without opposition for the place on the Community Services Committee made vacant by Geroni's resignation; and Charles Wells, Steelworkers 1798, had been nominated without opposition as the council's second delegate to the California Labor Federation convention in San Diego August 10, CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash being a delegate by virtue of office.

Painters walk out as bosses renege

Twenty-five hundred painters in locals affiliated with District Council 16 left all construction jobs Wednesday morning in Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, and Napa counties. Similar action was taken across the Bay.

Leslie K. Moore, administrative officer of District Council 16, told East Bay Labor Journal:

"After 38 negotiating meetings an agreement on terms to be submitted to both contractors and unions with recommendation that they accept was worked out. The unions met Monday, June 29, and voted acceptance. But management did not accept."

"Business representatives met Tuesday night, and agreed, no contract, no work, after the July 1 expiry date."

"We have an interim agreement which any contractor may sign and have work proceed on his project."

Story of new Carpenters contract is on page 5

On page 5 of this issue of East Bay Labor Journal will be found the story of the new contract of the Carpenters Bay District Council, approved by that council Monday night, and now going to the locals of four Bay counties for a membership vote.

Moore elected secretary by Painters Council 16

Leslie K. Moore, Auto & Ship Painters 1176, was elected secretary-treasurer of the District Council of Painters No. 16, and six business agents for the council were also elected, one for each of the six House Painter locals affiliated with the council.

There were seven candidates for the office of council secretary-treasurer. Those in addition to Moore were: H. A. (Dutch) Dalen, Local 560; William A. Weigle, Local 741; Donald E. Ades, Local 1178; Walter Matheny, Local 40; Larry Kessel, Local 127; Orin Blogett, Local 262.

Each House Painter local under the rules of the council adopted some time ago puts up two candidates for business agent of the council. The top man from each local becomes a business agent for the entire

council, working all over the area.

Following were the candidates from the six House Painter locals, the name of the one elected as a council business agent being placed first, and in bold face type in each instance.

Local 1178: **LeRoy Barstow**; Lee S. Facey.

Local 376: **Robert Zachary**; Harold B. Thompson.

Local 741: **Patrick L. Lane**; E. A. Oliver.

Local 127: **Marvin Edwards**; John Stanley.

Local 560: **Charles (Mose) Hammond**; W. C. (Wally) Rood.

Local 40: **Ben Rasnick**; John G. Heimans.

Moore for some time has been president of the council, and of late has served as its administrative officer. An election for president of the council will be held later.

Un-Am Committee harassing of teachers criticized by labor

The Central Labor Council this week authorized Secretary Robert S. Ash to write a letter to Congressman Francis E. Walter, Pennsylvania Democrat, chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, criticizing the methods the committee continues to use in its investigations.

The matter came up in connection with the committee's recent issuing of subpoenas to many Northern California schoolteachers after a blast had been issued to the press about the alleged danger of Communists getting control of the State's school system. When the subpoenas were issued the committee said the hearing would be held in June. But suddenly it

announced that the hearing would be deferred until September.

Ash pointed out that this has the effect of alarming the school boards and keeping a sword of Damocles hanging over the heads of the teachers under subpoena until the very opening date of the schools.

He reminded the delegates that in 1953 one witness before this committee, then under the chairmanship of Congressman Velde, slandered the Central Labor Council in connection with the 1946 general strike here, making preposterous charges about who started and who ran the strike. At that time, the CLC executive committee sent a let-

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Legislature's score on labor

A preliminary review of the 1959 session of the State Legislature was issued this week by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation.

He had presented his report to the Federation's 36-member executive council at a meeting held in Hollywood Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Robert S. Ash and Paul L. Jones, vice presidents of the Federation from Alameda County, were in attendance at the meeting.

Haggerty described the 120-day session as neither "good" nor "bad" from the point of view of organized labor.

"Significant advancements in

the State's basic social insurance programs were largely offset by the session's disappointing record of failures in other areas of legislation, including the enactment of some \$64 million in additional consumer taxes which directly slap the workingman," Haggerty said.

Improvements in the three basic social insurance programs — workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, and unemployment disability insurance — will bring workers in the State between \$75 to \$100 million a year in additional benefits. So Haggerty felt that on bread-and-

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Cooks, waitresses, bartenders await signal on Tuesday

The Central Labor Council on Monday gave sanction to the Joint Culinary Board to strike the restaurants and taverns of the northern end of Alameda County at a minute after midnight July 6, when the present five-year contract expires.

Pat Sander of Cooks 228, who has headed the negotiations for the board and by Tuesday morning of this week had attended 20 long major meetings with the negotiators for the taverns and restaurants as well as three smaller committee meetings on the same subject, said there seemed very little chance of avoiding a strike.

"But we're going to go right ahead negotiating," said Sander. "We've got daily meetings with the employers scheduled right up to the time the contract expires, including a meeting on July Fourth."

The joint board represents Cooks 228, Culinary Alliance 31 which includes the waitresses and miscellaneous employees, and Bartenders 52. This covers some 8000 workers altogether.

Culinary workers in the southern end of the county are under a separate contract negotiated by Hayward Culinary Workers & Bartenders 823.

Cooks 228, of which Hub Badger is secretary, is asking a 10 percent wage increase; and Culinary 31, Fran Kaczmarek secretary, and Bartenders 52, Steve Revilak secretary, are asking a two dollar per day increase.

Wesley J. Mart, president of the United Tavern Owners Inc.,

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Clerks and Phone Union conventions

Delegates from local unions were returning this week from the Retail Clerks International Association convention in Los Angeles, and from the convention of the big telephone union, the Communications Workers, in Cleveland.

Important events at both conventions will be reported in next week's East Bay Labor Journal.

The names of the CWA delegates from here are not available at the time of writing, but those from Food Clerks 870 were, in alphabetical order: Gustav Bogel, Vincent J. Calin, Harry Coffin, John J. Gloden, Charles F. Jones, Ethel M. Lewis, Elizabeth H. Mackin, George D. Read, James A. Suffridge, and Harris C. Wilkin.

Delegates from Department and Specialty Store Employees 1265 were: Russel L. Mathiesen, Samuel J. Meyers, John J. Philpott.

HOW TO BUY

Funeral transport costs

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor, for Labor Journal

A reader asks for advice on an especially poignant problem. She helps care for her elderly parents who are not well. Like many older folks today, they live in Florida on a small pension, plus help from their children. The daughter is concerned about the burial arrangements when that inevitable day arrives. Her parents do not want to discuss the question themselves other than to indicate they would prefer to be buried in their home town back North.

There are a great many retired people living today in the South and Far West and other areas of mild climates who have discussed this problem. Their families back home wonder what to do when the time comes, or get into a state of confusion when it does. For there are some very high costs involved, especially in the case of people away from home. This reader asked a friend in the funeral business what the procedure and costs would be for return of a body back home and for services and interment.

The answer was a startling one. Here is the estimate she received for the cost of returning one person home for burial:

Casket of choice: \$800 to \$1000
Shipping case (pine): \$600
Shipping charges: two first-class fares from Florida
Use of funeral home: \$25-\$50 a day
Personal service: \$75-\$100
Transportation from station to funeral home: \$180-\$100
Vault: \$200, less allowance for shipping case
Opening grave: \$83
Cost of graves: \$200
Clergyman: at least \$15
Tips extra

Thus the cost for each person who must be returned home for

burial, according to this estimate, would be in the neighborhood of \$2300.

Here are the points that other families who may have to face this problem should know:

1—The charge to send a body by common carrier is fixed, advises Howard C. Rather, Executive Secretary of the National Funeral Directors Association. If rail is used, two first-class fares must be bought, but one ticket can be used by anyone accompanying the body.

2—But some of the other prices which were quoted are on the high side, notably, the cost of the casket, shipping case and transportation from station to funeral home.

3—The problem of where the services and burial should be conducted is a personal one. Many times people who move to another city develop friendships and ties there as strong as those at home. In such case, a funeral service sometimes is conducted in both cities, Mr. Raether reports. If interment is at the new home, this is the simplest procedure. Another frequent custom is to have a funeral at the place where death occurred, with interment at the home city. The third custom is to have the body prepared and shipped home for both funeral and interment there.

2-earners in many families

Almost half of all American families require two wage earners for an income of more than \$4,500 annually. Latest figures provided by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare showed, however, that the greatest number of families—over 21 million—had only one wage earner and that the average income of such families was \$4,500.

Over 15 million families having two wage earners averaged \$5,700. There were 4.4 million families with three or more earners for an average income of \$7,000 annually. — IUD Bulletin.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

SHORT WEIGHT in packaged food products is becoming an increasingly serious problem, says John L. Harvey, deputy commissioner of the U. S. Food and Drug Administration.

For example, 94 lots of flour were recently checked in 68 mills across the nation. Of the 94 lots, 20 were found to be short weight.

PACKAGED FOODS other than flour are now being studied in all 17 of the Food and Drug Administration's districts. The checkup has been completed in only one of the 17 districts.

"It is our intention to follow up all of these surveys and to take appropriate action wherever indicated," says the deputy commissioner.

LET'S HOPE SO. All these fancy packages in vivid colors, and toy airplanes, pistols, and whatnot in the packages mixed with the food to get kids to bring pressure on their parents to buy, and then—short weight on the stuff you're actually buying.

Just what will be the "appropriate action" against these big corporations giving short weight? One wonders.

THE HOUSEWIFE is helpless unless the Government does keep after these fellows. She can't be expected to weigh every item she buys.

At that, it might be interesting, if you have a good scale at home, to weigh some of these fancily packaged things, and see if they are on the level.

Women helped defeat RW

The fascinating story of what the COPE Women's Activities Division in Butler County, Ohio, did to help defeat the "Right-to-Work" issue in 1958 and elect a labor-endorsed state senator is now being told to union members all over the country through colored charts showing the step-by-step methods used.

COPE Area Conferences featured the Butler County story as an example of what organized effort can do.

It was in February 1958 that the Butler County Industrial Union Council gave the WADs the assignment of setting up a central card file of the local affiliated unions. The women prepared a precinct finder and set up a central card file with the local union identification in code. They used the duplicate card method, with one card filed alphabetically within the ward and precinct which the person lived.

After the central card file was completed, the council assigned the women to check the members and their families against the roster of voters to find out who were registered and who were not. A report of the findings was sent to each local union which had submitted its membership list.

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California as style center

Gay sunshine fashions have blossomed under California skies to become one of the world's major style influences. Nowhere else are clothes designed so obviously for fun and relaxation.

The West Coast designers have a clear-cut fashion philosophy which the Los Angeles Fashion Guild sums up as "casual composure." It started as a solution to the problem of making play and work clothes attractive as well as comfortable and practical. Appalled at the sight of housewives in sweat shirts and dungarees or frumpish house dresses, their inventiveness has changed the face of leisure throughout the hemisphere.

Sunsuits, bathing suits, beach jackets, tapered hostess pants, wraparound skirts, simple shirt dresses and casual sweaters are a few of the items which have been perfected. Their secret is faultless styling, strong clear colors, and imaginative design.—Retail Clerks Advocate.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

TOURISTS have all sorts of special interests. Some love cathedrals, some look for beautiful gardens, some seek out rare French wines.

The British Travel Association has discovered another hobby—ghosts. Edmund Antrobus, a specialist on shrouds and other scary objects keeps a file on haunted places in his office at the Travel Association.

"England is more ghostly than anywhere else," he says, as he gleefully reels off list of good, reliable haunted houses.

Scotland and Cornwall, he believes, are more haunted than any place else, probably because of their moors. He assures tourists that the ghost of a wicked steward is chased by hounds across the moors of Cornwall every night.

Kensington Palace has a good, reliable ghost, said to be that of Mary, wife of William III. In Yorkshire there is an old Abbey where a choir of the ghosts of monks chants every night. In London itself, he avers, the ghost of Anne Boleyn sometimes rides around in a coach, carrying her head in her lap.

The ghost of Mary, Queen of Scots, of course, is on his list, as well as Hampton Court Palace, which boasts three noisy females, two of them wives of Henry VIII and one a nurse, who frequently turn up to the delight of tourists.

Drury Lane Theater is the haunt of a ghost of an 18th century actor, who turns up and heckles present-day actors.

Indeed, his file of "haunts" would keep a tourist busy for a long stay in England, which, of course, is just what the British Travel Association wants.

If you like to have your spine chilled, England is for you. However, there are no doubt some very lively competitors across the channel on the continent. But they may not have such a good press agent as Mr. Antrobus, so for some real haunting memories, stick to England.

Teeners need good breakfast

That mid-morning hunger feeling among teenagers can be stopped with a good serving of eggs at breakfast. This is because high protein foods are slowly digested, thus hunger comes less quickly after eating a breakfast with eggs.

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. But unfortunately about one-half of the American population does not eat what nutritionists consider an adequate breakfast. And a large segment of this group consists of teen-agers who need breakfast badly. Breakfast should provide at least one-fourth of the teen-ager's total daily food intake.

It is foolhardy for high school students to trade their breakfast for a little extra morning sleep. It's a poor trade! And it is practically impossible for youngsters to make up the food they miss at breakfast by eating snacks or "overeating" at other meals.

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'Let's get crooks management hires' says Jack Shelley

Representative John F. Shelley (D., Calif.) charges that so-called labor-management "reform legislation" as enacted by the Senate and now under consideration by the House ignores the wrongdoing of management and management agents while threatening a "terribly unfair and discriminatory blow" at the honest trade union movement.

Shelley read on the floor of the House a letter he has written to Representative Graham A. Barden (D., N. C.), chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, which has been incorporated in the committee hearings.

The California Democrat, himself a former union official, said he was heartily in favor of legislation that will help to root out corruption in the labor movement, but said such legislation should be "aimed at the whole problem, not just one facet of it."

"I don't think we will erase the problem of labor-management corruption if we get only at the Becks," he continued.

"I don't think we'll be hitting at the real problem until we get at all the Sheffermans in the business. And when I say all the Sheffermans I mean not only those who . . . have engaged in rather flagrant, obvious types of unethical, if not illegal, behavior. I mean all those hundreds, perhaps thousands, of respectable lawyers and labor-relations consultants who are daily giving advice to business on how to seduce labor officials, how to threaten union spokesmen, how to beat up labor organizers who refuse to be silenced or seduced."

'Backdoor recognition' won in N. Y. hospitals

NEW YORK — Nearly 3,000 hospital workers, who made trade union history during a bitter 46-day strike for recognition, have proudly returned to work after winning what their leaders described as "a partial victory."

Agreement by the hospitals to deal with representatives elected by the workers, including union officials, was termed "backdoor recognition" by President Leon J. Davis of Local 1199, Retail, Wholesale & Department Store Union—and that's the way the strikers felt about it. — AFL-CIO News.

COPE MEETING SET FOR JULY 14

The regular monthly meeting of COPE is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, in the Labor Temple. The executive board meets at 7:00 p.m., and the general session begins at 8:00 p.m.

Compensation bill by Crown now law

Governor Edmund G. Brown has signed legislation which he hailed as providing the greatest advances in workmen's compensation benefits in recent California history.

The measure, AB 1015 (Assemblyman Robert W. Crown (D., Alameda), calls for a boost in maximum temporary disability benefits from \$50 to \$65 a week, in permanent disability indemnity from \$40 to \$52.50 a week, and in the total death benefit from \$12,000 to \$17,500.

The legislation, endorsed by Governor Brown from the time of its introduction, also increased the death benefit for a widow with one or more minor children from \$15,000 to \$20,500, and the burial expense allowance from \$400 to \$600.

Life pensions were increased by 50 percent. In cases of total disability the life pension thus provides 60 percent of average weekly earnings instead of 40 percent.

C. J. Haggerty, executive secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, wrote the Governor thanking him for his support of the bill.

Petroleum safety meeting July 2

John F. Henning, director of the Department of Industrial Relations, has announced that the Industrial Safety Board will meet in San Francisco on July 2 to take final action on proposed revisions of the Petroleum Safety Orders of the State Division of Industrial Safety.

"Final action on these changes in the Safety Orders relating to petroleum drilling will be the culmination of many months of study and hearings," Henning said. "These proposed revisions were thoroughly prepared by the staff of our Division of Industrial Safety, with the help of organized labor and of representatives of the petroleum industry."

Demand the Union Label!

Teamo Conference in S. F. July 7th

The 23rd annual meeting of the Western Conference of Teamsters will open next Tuesday, July 7, in the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco.

Some 500 delegates are expected, from 13 Western States and 3 Canadian Provinces.

Joseph J. Diviny, president of Joint Council 7 and an international vice president of the big union, will welcome the delegates to the first meeting of the conference in San Francisco since 1954.

Conference President Einar O. Mohn will preside over the sessions. The principal speaker will be Teamsters President James R. Hoffa.

CLC delegate seated

President Russ Crowell at the June 22 meeting of the Central Labor Council obligated as a delegate Rebecca Klays, Hospital Workers 250.

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Kauffman of Cooks 228 teacher of short story

"The Commercial Short Story" will be taught at Albany High School Tuesday evenings at 7:30 starting July 7.

Instructor is George Kauffman who has been published in Esquire, Holiday, Sunset, Mike Shayne Magazine, NANA. He is a member of Cooks 228.

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Independence Day program announc'd by city committee

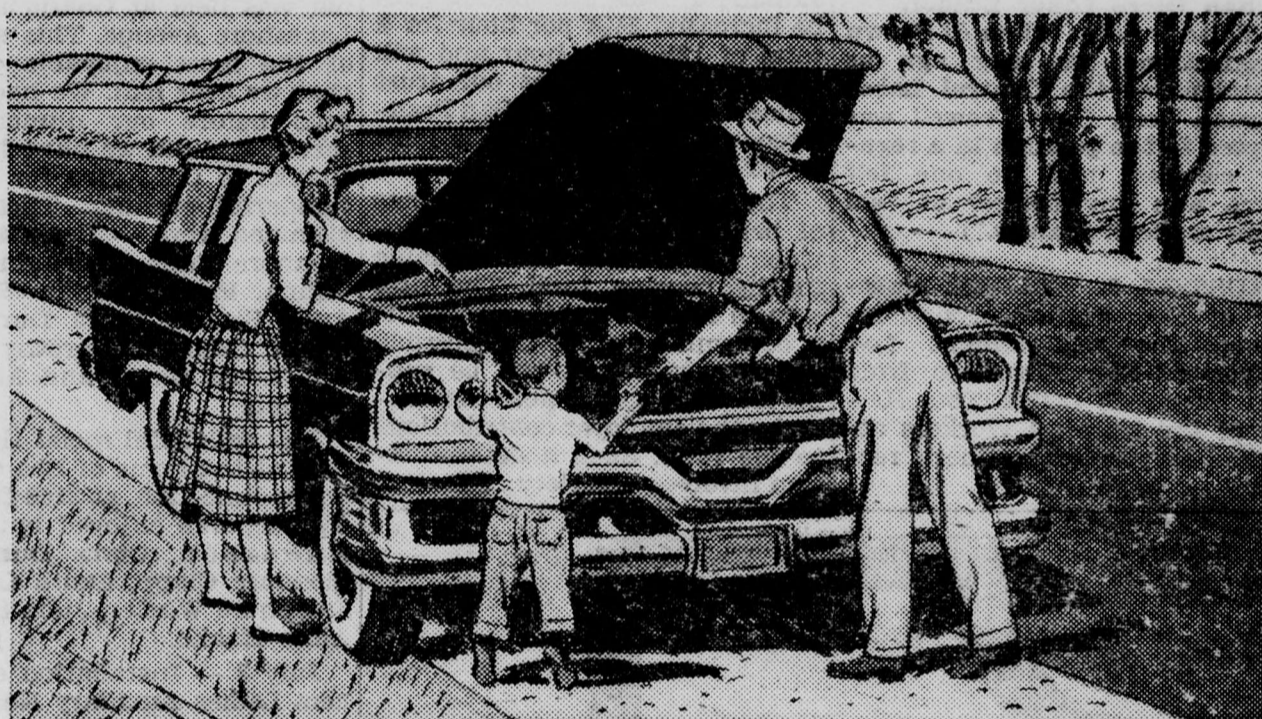
A varied program of fireworks, boat races, water skiing and folk dancing will headline the City of Oakland's annual Fourth of July observance, it was announced by Enrico Dell'Osso, chairman of the Mayor's holiday committee.

Activities will be centered in the Lake Merritt area Saturday and Sunday, July 4 and 5. Water skiing and speedboat racing will be held Saturday, with the sailboats to take over Sunday.

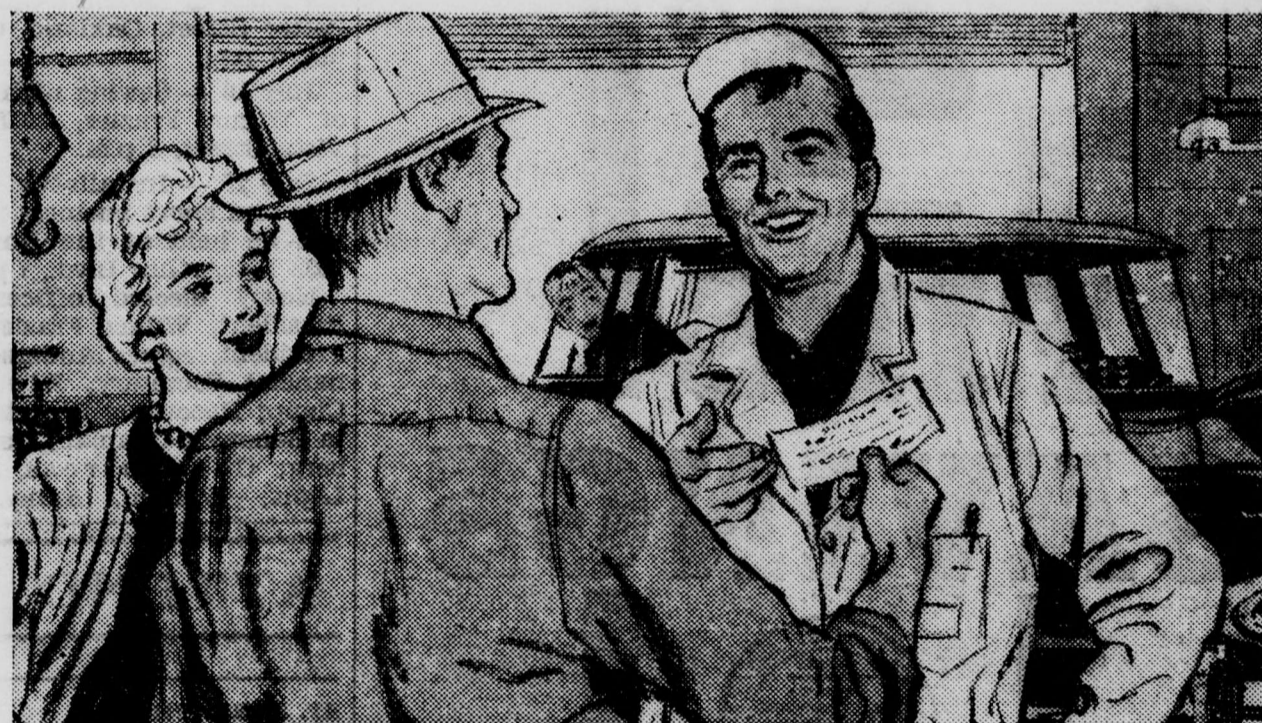
The traditional fireworks display will be held at 9:45 p.m. Saturday. A committee spokesman emphasized the fireworks would start at that time—not earlier nor later.

Folk dancing, open to the public, will be staged at the Oakland Auditorium Saturday from 1:30 to 5:30 and again from 7:30 to 9:30.

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Council president appointed so old feuds won't flare

Charles J. Hardy was appointed at the County Labor Council meeting to succeed the late C. O. (Spud) Taylor as council president.

Hardy, secretary and business manager for Waiters & Bartenders Local 500, will serve till next April when elections are scheduled.

He was nominated by the council's executive board and confirmed by voice vote at the meeting of the full council.

Some discussion accompanied the council's action, but the delegates voted to seat Hardy under provisions of the merger agreement adopted when AFL and CIO unions were united.

Council Secretary - Treasurer John Quimby pointed out that the council's action follows the pattern set by state and national organizations during merger discussions.

The provision for appointment of officers during the first two years after the merger was designed to ensure a stable officer slate and to keep old rivalries from flaring anew, he explained. — **San Diego Labor Leader.**

(Editor's note: When Al Brown resigned not so long ago as president of the Central Labor Council here, Russ Crowell was elected to the position in a regular election, and no one felt there was any danger of "old rivalries flaring anew.")

RUSSELL L. WOLDEN, Assessor of San Francisco, has received the endorsement for Mayor of San Francisco from San Francisco COPE. Tom Kelley of the Hospital Workers attacked Mayor Christopher's record.

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

The Joint Board of Trustees have received and have taken under advisement the replies of the eleven insurance companies who submitted complete proposals in accordance with the joint board of Trustees specifications, dated May 13, 1959, regarding this union's health and welfare plan, now insured by the New York Life Insurance Company.

From early indications, the benefits will remain the same as now covered by the New York Life and the joint board of trustees will possibly be able to lower the hours for coverage from the present 140 hours per month, due to our employer contribution increase of 2½¢ per hour, effective July 1, for a total of 15¢ per hour. However, if there are any changes in either the carrier or benefits, the membership will be notified accordingly.

Just a few words about this union's forthcoming pension plan — as you know, effective, July 1, 1959 our members who are covered under this union's agreement with our employer associations will have credited to their account 10¢ per hour for each hour worked. Effective, January 1, 1959, this amount will be increased 2½¢ per hour for a total of 12½¢ per hour and will be held in escrow at our trust office bank, located in San Francisco, until released by the joint board of trustees.

The question is, what manner of benefit program can be provided using the income available to the pension fund. The first step in resolving this question is a determination of the possible benefit levels that can be supported on a sound actuarial basis by the employer contributions to the fund. Such a determination involves a variety of factors

including the income the fund can expect to receive from employer contributions, the administrative expenses that are incurred in the operation of the fund, the ages and past service of the employees to be covered, the rate of death and withdrawal of the active employees in covered employment, the life expectancy of retired employees, the age at which employees can be expected to retire, the rate of interest that will be earned on the reserves accumulated by the fund and the method of accumulating or "funding" these reserves.

Some of these factors, such as past service and ages of the employees, can be accurately determined. Some, such as the funding method to be adopted, can to a certain extent be controlled, others must be estimated. So you can readily understand that before one can talk about a pension plan and its benefits, an actuarial survey must be conducted first on the basis explained above.

Please try to attend our next membership meeting to be held July 16, 1959.

Carpenters Auxiliary

By JULIA SJOBERG

Our annual sewing club dinner was held at Confucius, 3241 Lakeshore Avenue. This was one of the most enjoyable dinners that we ever had. We had cocktails before our dinner was served and did we have fun, our thanks to Confucius for such a wonderful evening: Those that attended were — Bea Cameron, Eleanore Clapp, Agnes Anderson, Wilma Frazier, Julia Sjoberg, Anna Strand, Clara Durflinger, Laura Osborne, Dorothy Haefner, Louis Clapp and Myrtle Ann Artman.

The delightful social that was held at the home of Bea Cameron on June 12th, at 3108 Coolidge Avenue, was enjoyed by: Agnes Anderson, Clara Durflinger, Eleanore Clapp, Laura Osborne, Josephine Wheler, Julia Sjoberg, Aline Haake.

July 8 — Installation of Officers Ladies Auxiliary No. 465 at Carpenters Hall, Hayward, California, 8 p.m.

July 10 — A delightful patio barbecue dinner will be held at the home of Eleanore Clapp 2416 Potter Street, Oakland, California, 7 p.m.

July 16 — Sewing night, home of Wilma Frazier, 3915 Agua Vista Street, 8 p.m.

July 25 — Installation of officers and short business meeting will be held at the Horseshoe, 2033 MacArthur Blvd., 7 p.m.

Newly elected officers are: President, Wilma Frazier; Vice President, Agnes Anderson; Financial Secretary, Eleanore Clapp; Recording Secretary, Alta Benonys; Chaplain, Julia Sjoberg; Conductress, Martha Light; Warden, Anna Elvin;

Trustee for 1 year, Clara Durflinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Light have just returned from a much needed vacation and their many friends welcome them home, Mrs. Martha Light's mother whom we all know and love sends her best wishes and greetings to us all.

Remember the dates and make an effort to attend all meetings.

Steel Machinists I304

By DAVE ARCA

Happy Independence Day. The three day weekend provides another opportunity for speedmad motorists to aim their Juggernauts of destruction at various destinations. Speeding toward Eternity.

The union office will be closed Friday, July 3rd.

May we remind you that our union endorses only the United Fund drive. Refer all other requests for contributions to the United Crusade. However, be generous in your contribution to the Crusade. Our members are instinctively charitable. It's only the multiplicity of dunning drives we deplore.

Forty-two widows of deceased 1304 members have received the \$500 death benefit since 1957. Unhappily, our union cannot afford to continue paying the premiums from the monthly dues. If you working members can put in 75 cents per month, we can arrange to keep our death benefit alive. If not, we must discontinue it. Are you interested? That widow you help may be your own.

Our next regular meeting is July 2nd. Nominations for a delegate to the State AFLCIO convention will be held.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

During the past few weeks we had occasion to object to the word "free" being used in two advertisements — one with a "Free" estimate and the other with a "Free" summer offer to have your watch checked.

We understand this "Free—Summer Check your watch" advertisement, originated from one source. This source sent mats to the various jewelry stores. We are attempting to trace the source of origin to eliminate any future advertising of this nature.

This problem created quite a discussion at the last meeting of the union and will be discussed again at the next membership meeting.

SAN JOSE MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7th at 8 p.m.—Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa Street, San Jose.

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Plumbers Local 444

By BEN H. BEYNON

The Picnic Chairman, Wally Hicks, announced the picnic for Plumbers & Gas Fitters No. 444 members and their families will be held at Knowland Park in Area A on Saturday, July 25, 1959 from 10:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. There will be ample parking facilities.

Directions to Area A from Oakland—go East on MacArthur Blvd. to 98th Avenue and turn left to Mountain Blvd.

Directions to Area A from East Oakland—go West on MacArthur Blvd. to 98th Avenue and turn right to Mountain Blvd.

Upon entering the gate, adults only will receive a ticket for a drawing for gate prizes that will be held later in the day. There will be refreshments for adults and children. Please bring a basket lunch for your immediate family.

For adults there will be horse-shoe and other interesting games, and for the children there will be an elephant show, the zoo and many other interesting events along with many prizes.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

The "special call" meetings to ratify the agreement will be sent out soon to all locals. It is your bread and butter; be there! At the same time a dues increase will be voted on which is needed but you are the court of final decision. Come and listen, ask questions and vote. Local 36 will meet Saturday morning, July 11th at the Auditorium Theater on this one.

Bill Marshall tells me 1473 will meet Friday, July 10th, 8:00 p.m. Eagle Hall, 1228 - 35th Avenue. Dues are on their agenda of course.

All members take note. Members of other carpenter locals, checks dates and be at your meetings. 1158 will attend to this at their regular meeting July 6 in Berkeley.

I don't know yet about 194.

Probation office asks unions' aid

Martin Selsor, representing the Alameda County Probation Department, told the Central Labor Council this week that help is needed from the unions in getting graduates of the probation camps into wholesome work to keep them from sliding back into delinquency.

Selsor called attention to the fact that the council's executive secretary, Robert S. Ash, is a member of the County Probation Committee.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held July 2, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
ALBERT R. SILVA,
Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWInoaks 3-1120.

CARPENTERS 1158

Now meets in the Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, California.

Meeting nights are the first and third Mondays of each month.

Fraternally,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings for the month of July will be held at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, each Friday at 8 p.m.

Stewards meeting Tuesday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m.

The Conference Board has come to an agreement with 8 Employers Associations. Watch this space for date of special called meeting to vote either to accept or reject the agreement.

IMPORTANT: The deadline for filing for a "MINIMUM PENSION" under the Carpenters' pension trust fund has been extended to July 31, 1959. This deadline applies only to carpenters who have retired under the Social Security Act and from the carpenter's trade between June 15, 1959 and June 15, 1957 and have 15 years of employment as a carpenter in the construction industry in Northern California, not necessarily consecutive years.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

No membership meetings will be held during the months of July and August unless a special meeting is called. In this event, all members will be notified by mail.

Death Assessment No. 436 is now due and payable. Brother Marion H. Gray, No. 224476, a member of Local No. 108, Los Angeles, passed away on April 29, 1959.

Fraternally yours,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

SHIPWRIGHTS 1149

Attention, all members of Shipwrights, Joiners and Boatbuilders Local 1149:

The regular meeting scheduled for Friday, July 3, 1959, will be canceled to permit observance of the July 4th holiday.

The next regular meeting will be held July 17, 1959.

Fraternally,
STAN LORE,
President and Manager

CARPENTERS 1473

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE!

Fruitvale Local 1473 will hold a Special Called meeting on Friday, July 10, 1959 at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland. We will vote on ratifying the new agreement.

We will also vote on a proposed raise in dues.

No meeting on July 3, 1959.

Fraternally,
JACK W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, 1959.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held July 7 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting of UC Employees Local 371 will be held at F. O. E. Hall, 2238 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley at 2 p.m.

The executive board will meet at same place at 12:30 p.m.

Please be present, so you can elect the candidate of your choice, to this most important office.

Fraternally yours,
C. F. MARTIN,
Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

The meeting of July 3, 1959 has been canceled as it is the 4th of July week-end.

Our first meeting in July, 1959 will be the 10th, which will be a special called meeting for the installation of officers and the nomination and election of delegates to the California Labor Federation Convention AFLCIO, which will be held in San Diego, California, the second week in August, 1959.

This is the last week for retired carpenters to apply for their Bay

District Council of Carpenters pensions which has a deadline of July 1, 1959.

All carpenters are asked to continue working on their present jobs, until notified by your union or business representative as to the status of our negotiations with the contractors.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

The next meeting of Steamfitters Local Union No. 342 will be July 2, 1959, and will be held in Hall "A" located on the 1st floor of the Labor Temple.

Fraternally,
JAMES H. MARTIN,
Business Manager

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

On our regular meeting date July 3 a special meeting follows the regular one to nominate two delegates to the California Labor Federation AFLCIO to be held in San Diego August 10.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

MILLMEN 550

The office will be open as usual until 5:30 p.m. on July 3, but will be closed after that hour.

Fraternally,
F. F. BROOKS, Pres.
M. D. CICINATO, Sec.

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, July 2nd at 8:00 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30. Nominations for a delegate to the California Labor Federation Convention in San Diego.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

Failure to file June 30 ends DI refund chance

Although repeated warnings were sounded, it is believed that many wage earners who inadvertently overpaid their disability insurance charges failed to get the refunds due them because they overlooked the deadline for filing a claim, June 30.

Demand the Union Label!

Carpenters District Council approves pact; locals to vote

The Bay District Council of Carpenters at its meeting Monday in San Francisco unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Carpenters Conference Board and agreed to the addenda to the agreement as negotiated with employer groups.

Notices are being sent to the various locals of special called meetings to vote on acceptance or rejection of the contract, but it was generally assumed that the votes would be for acceptance.

Chester Bartalini of Local 36, executive secretary of the district council, explained each item in the new agreement, as did various members of the conference board.

The general feeling was that the contract as amended is better than any previously negotiated.

The pact is for three years, with an increase each year in wages.

This year, retroactive to June 16, there is a 22½-cent increase per hour, which brings journeymen to \$3.55; five other classifications, that is, hardwood floor layers, shinglers, power saw operators, steel scaffold erectors, and saw filers, to \$3.68; and millwrights to \$3.76.

On June 16, 1960, journeymen go to \$3.725; the five intermediate classifications to \$3.865; and millwrights to \$3.945.

On June 16, 1961, journeymen

go to \$3.95; the five intermediate classifications to \$4.10, and millwrights to \$4.18.

Effective June 16 of this year the wage rate for foremen will be fifty cents per hour above the rate for journeymen.

Each carpenter under the new agreement is entitled to a five minute pick-up time at the end of each work day.

Also, where ten or more carpenters are employed on any one project or job, the employer shall provide a separate tool house or a separate compartment of a tool house under lock and key for the exclusive use of carpenters.

No steward can be discharged or laid off until after 24 hours notice has been given to the local union.

In congested areas parking facilities shall be the subject of prejob conference.

The agreement covers members of the craft in Alameda, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties.

Big farms fight sanitary measures

Documented and filmed evidence that California's foods and vegetables are being contaminated by human excreta, because field workers lack toilet and hand washing facilities, was presented by the United Packinghouse Workers at a conference sponsored by the State Department of Public Health, in Berkeley.

The conference was called as a result of charges filed earlier by the union.

Grower representatives at the conference maintained a "public be damned" attitude, according to the California Labor Federation News Letter, despite testimony by health officers which supported the union's charges that the menace is serious.

Witness must show up, says top court

Witnesses against any of the 3 million defense plant workers under the security program must appear and submit to cross-examination, the Supreme Court held Monday. The decision was 8 to 1, Justice Tom Clark dissenting, and Chief Justice Earl Warren writing the majority opinion.

The issue has long been moot.



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WHEN MAYOR WAGNER of New York City got back from a vacation in those pleasant islands down on the Caribbean, he must have been delighted (!) by the warm reception he received from city employees who wished to call his attention gently to gaps in their goodwill relationship.

Member of Auto Workers says to kill FEPC referendum fast

By WILLIAM KIEZEL
Member, United Auto Workers

April of '59 is a historical month to remember. This is when an FEPC law was enacted in Sacramento; weak, yes - - - but the first in the history of California. But, alas and behold, immediately after, unscrupulous elements were at work. The Oakland Tribune reports on 4/21/59 . . . "The Attorney General's office said it was preparing a title for a referendum - - - initial step in a move to block a legislative enactment - - - at the request of J. Rupert Mason of San Francisco . . . Assemblyman W. Byron Rumford of Berkeley, author of the Administration backed measure, said that he had been warned that unless he accepted certain amendments requested by the State Chamber of Commerce, referendum proceedings would be instituted."

After June 19, 1959, Mason will have three months to gather 262,789 signatures; the petition cannot be circulated before June 19, the date the legislature adjourns. If the petition gatherers could not fulfil the quota, then the FEPC becomes law. This is practically the same element that was pushing for Proposition 18.

We must be prepared in advance to tell our friends and neighbors of these petition gatherers.

Since May 1954, the South has passed close to 200 laws to prevent integration, and there are 300,000 members in the White Citizens Councils to boot! These tactics can easily lead to Fascism.

Here in our own state, the Chamber of Commerce does not dare go this far, but they have taken a step in the same direction. They are trying to take away what few remaining teeth the FEPC bill has, and failing this—they will try to defeat the entire law, by use of the referendum.

According to the 1950 census, there were 134,942,028 people listed as white and 15,755,333 people listed as colored in the United States. That would present a pretty hopeless situation for the minority, if the issue is simply one of white vs. colored. Such a minority—10% of the population, could not possibly out-vote the other 90% in "democratic" elections or raise large funds to pay for this.

Speaking at the 46th annual convention of the NAACP, Thurgood Marshall stated, "Apart from the avowed enemies of democracy and integration, there are many Americans who

actually are, or appear to be in favor of eventual integration, after a period of time. We are beginning to get advice publicly and privately from these alleged friends urging us not to be impatient, not to rock the boat, not to push ahead too rapidly. I believe it is time that we examined this advice and gave to these advisers the facts of life. In regard to the elimination of racial discrimination in this country, Negroes are impatient; they are insistent, they are determined to get their rights as rapidly as possible."

The decisive division of forces in this country is not based on color, the daily struggle is between labor and those who own and control the industries. It's wage vs. profits - - - and this conflict is inseparably related to the Negro struggle for equality. The historic slogan of the labor movement is "United We Stand, Divided We Fall". The role of big business is divide and conquer, "Rule and Ruin" is their road to power.

Workers of all races are asking "Why are we so strong on the picket line and so weak on the political line?" Reactionary periods like the present not only disintegrate and weaken the working class and its militants, but also lower the general ideology of the labor movement, and throw political thinking back to stages long since passed through. As we all know, the strength of capitalism is not in itself and in its own constitution, it survives only because it has its basis of support in the organizations of the workers. The working class, which is the majority cannot gain their ends within the legal framework, established by the rulers of Wall St. The danger is grave, let no one mistake it. The clear, unavoidable answer is that labor must have its own party . . . a labor party based upon and controlled by the ranks of the trade unions. This is an important road of survival of the working class.

In the meantime, please tell your friends and neighbors about this petition before it starts circulating, for it would not only deprive the minority peoples of their rights - - - it's real aim is toward the heart of the labor movement.

Merchant seamen honored as heroes

NEW YORK — Six American merchant seamen—five of them members of AFLCIO maritime unions — have been cited by United Seamen's Service for conspicuous bravery at sea.

USS presents the citations, together with special medals, each year in honor of the late Andrew Furuseth, former secretary of the Seamen's Union of the Pacific and an almost legendary figure in the trade union fight for decent wages and working conditions in the merchant marine.

Three winners are members of the National Maritime Union and two are members of the Masters, Mates & Pilots. The sixth is a member of the unaffiliated Sun Marine Employees Association.

NMU President Joseph Curran and MMP President Robert A. Durkin attended the ceremonies held in connection with the annual USS directors luncheon.

In presenting the awards, Vice Admiral E. L. Cochrane, president of USS saluted the merchant seamen for having "distinguished themselves on duty." Their heroism, he said, "contributed to the prestige of the seafaring calling." — AFLCIO News.

Yes, kids work on farms, but Senator McNamara protests

Frank J. Muench, western director of the Department of Labor's wage-hour division, announced in San Francisco that "boys and girls can find summer jobs in a wide variety of fields without violating the Federal Child Labor Law."

Among the jobs open to them, he said, was "farm work outside school hours," and "fruit and vegetable packing sheds may also lawfully hire 14 and 15 year olds."

On the same day the above press release came to the office of East Bay Labor Journal, the following dispatch from AFLCIO News Service came in:

WASHINGTON—A bill to prohibit commercial child labor in agriculture, introduced by Senator Pat McNamara (D., Mich.), now has 16 co-sponsors, one a Republican. The Democratic group is made up chiefly of the customary northern and mid-western liberals, bolstered by Alaska's two Democrats.

The bill would extend to agriculture the provision of the Federal wage-hour law which bars the employment of children under 16 during school hours. Exceptions would be made for children working on farms owned by their families and, as under present coverage, for 14 and 15-year olds under special Labor Department regulations.

During 1957, McNamara said in introducing the bill, some 227,000 children between 10 and 13 were listed as paid farm workers. About one-third worked 35 hours or more a week.

"The most tragic fact," he added, "is that many children under 10 were employed."

Hospital managem't man says union recognition is natural in democracy

Ray Amberg, president of the American Hospital Association, writing in the association's official journal:

"We no longer possess the right in many cases to deny our workers the privilege of collective bargaining provided they feel that the old system (individual bargaining) is unjust, unfair, or for any other reason not in their best interest.

"Collective bargaining to the worker appears to be an application of democratic principles. It appears to be a way to correct injustices which he thinks or knows exist under the direct individual system of bargaining."

Consumer conference in S. F. July 11th backed by labor organizations

"The Consumer in California" is the subject of a one-day conference to be held Saturday, July 11, at the University Extension Building, 55 Laguna Street, San Francisco.

The Institute of Industrial Relations of the University of California, Berkeley campus, presents the conference in cooperation with the Consumers Union and the following labor groups: California Labor Federation, California Conference of Machinists, California State Council of Carpenters, California State Council of Culinary Workers, California State Federation of Teachers, California State Theatrical Federation, Communication Workers of America, District 9, State Building and Construction Trades Council of California.

John Hutchinson, coordinator of labor programs for the Institute of Industrial Relations, says that the registration fee for the conference is \$4.00, not including lunch. The maximum price for lunch will be \$2.50.

Governor Brown, whose proposal for the setting up a Consumers Counsel office was adopted by the Legislature, has been invited to speak at the Institute.

Memorial Society gaining members

The East Bay Memorial Association, Inc., which has over 800 families on its membership list, including some labor people, has issued a statement on "The High Cost of Dying" which declares that "Today, in America, it costs more to die than to be born . . . \$1000 is the average cost of dying in the U. S., according to 'Consumers Look At Burial Practices', published by the Council on Consumer Information, Colorado State College."

Jeffery Cohelan, now a member of Congress, was one of the earliest names listed as a member of the East Bay Memorial Association's advisory council.

The purpose of the EBMA, according to Dorothy Demorest of Berkeley, secretary of the group, is to "reduce the cost of dying" through cooperative methods.

MILDRED GONZALES, who takes care of the office of the San Francisco Labor Council, has been named "Miss Union Secretary of San Francisco." She received the honor in a contest sponsored by Remington Rand, manufacturers of union-labeled office machines, at their exhibit at the Union Industries Show.

Laney will offer novel electronic technology course

To meet community demands for technicians, Oakland City College, Laney campus, will offer a new two-year program next fall called electronic technology.

Emphasis will be placed on preparing the student with technical skills and knowledge required by electronic industries and research laboratories.

The new program will offer intensive preparation in electronic theory, applied mathematics and science, together with the general education requirements for the Associate in Arts degree.

Prerequisite for the course will be satisfactory completion of an algebra course or demonstration of proficiency in the subject. Students with the algebra deficiency are advised to enroll in the course at Laney for the summer.

All applicants will be given classification tests to determine ability to profit from the instruction given.

In general, the electronic technician works closely with engineers in one of three areas: research, manufacturing, or maintenance.

"Starting salaries," stated William Huberich, who is organizing the new program at City College, "range from \$375 to \$475 per month. Many experienced technicians earn more than \$750 a month as they move into supervisory positions."

Steel bargaining as deadline moved

With the steel strike deadline extended to July 14, negotiations were resumed this week in New York.

President Eisenhower intervened Sunday, and the previous deadline of Tuesday of this week was given a two-week extension.

In Washington the AFLCIO Economic Policy Committee has accused the basic steel industry of "hypocritical humbug" in insisting on a one-year "wage freeze" for 500,000 members of the Steelworkers at a time when steel profits are soaring to record heights.

The committee, headed by Vice President Walter P. Reuther said the nation's 12 major producers were conducting a "self-serving, make-believe crusade against inflation" through a "propaganda pitch" that any wage increase would automatically result in higher prices and increased unemployment.

Steelworker will be housing chief

John F. Henning, director of the State Department of Industrial Relations, has announced appointment of Perry Nethington of El Monte as assistant chief of the Division of Housing.

Henning said the appointment was made with the full approval of Governor Edmund G. Brown.

Nethington, 42, is president of Local 4670, United Steelworkers of America, which represents employees at the Aerojet General Corporation plant in Downey.

He has been active in union affairs for more than 20 years. He is chairman of the Legislative-Education Committee of the USWA.

Nethington is active in numerous El Monte community organizations. He is a Democrat.

Nethington will be assigned to the San Francisco office of the Department of Industrial Relations and will work with Lowell Nelson, Chief of the Division of Housing.

Labor Department finally gets busy about farm trucks

Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell has tightened the safety requirements governing the transportation of Mexican farm laborers to and from the places where they work in the United States.

Secretary Mitchell said new safety requirements covering short-haul transportation of Mexican nationals employed under the migrant labor agreement with Mexico have been sent to all Bureau of Employment Security regional directors with instructions that they be forwarded immediately to all employers of Mexican contract workers.

The new requirements, which are effective at once, are specifically directed at short-haul transportation for Mexican nationals, which is now generally inadequately covered by state laws.

Under the standard work contract in the migrant labor agreement with Mexico, transportation facilities used in the movement of Mexican nationals between farm placement reception centers and the place of employment must meet the same safety requirements that are applicable to common carriers. — U. S. Dept. of Labor.

'Flaming deaths' probe demanded by Farm Union

WASHINGTON — The "flaming deaths" of 15 farm workers and a driver in a truck crash near Phoenix, Arizona, should produce a full scale congressional inquiry into the Mexican farm labor importation program, President H. L. Mitchell of the Agricultural Workers has declared.

Mitchell, who has charged that Mexicans are imported in excessive numbers and depress domestic farm labor wages and standards, said a report from union representatives in Arizona left "no doubt" of employer and government negligence by both the government and the employer transporting the workers.

He referred to overcrowding, explosion of an auxiliary tank of gasoline inside the passenger section and obstruction of the only exit. The toll so far was 16 dead, with nearly all 32 survivors badly burned and injured.

The June 8 tragedy was touched with irony—and Mitchell's points were underscored—when the Labor Department on June 17 issued safety requirements which undoubtedly would have lessened the death and injury tolls had they been enforced on the death vehicle. — AFLCIO News.

GEORGE J. RICHARDSON, AFLCIO special representative, has been named to a Wage-Hour Act industry committee which will recommend minimum hourly wage rates for all industries in American Samoa.

Legislature's score on labor

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butter issues, things went pretty well.

"This is close to double the amount secured in any previous legislative session in the 15 years of experience of your secretary-treasurer," said Haggerty.

Referring to the FEPC and equality of housing measures, and similar matters, Haggerty declared that "in terms of civil rights legislation the 1959 session saw the enactment of an impressive number of important measures which will undoubtedly mark 1959 as the year in which California undertook the protection and extension of equal rights of its citizens."

The Federation officer declared, however, that "when the gavels signaled the end of the session, a long list of major failures, twisted campaign promises, and broken platform planks were left behind."

Among those he enumerated were:

- Failure to protect and extend picketing rights.
- Refusal to correct abuses of the Jurisdictional Strike Act.
- Refusal to enact minimum wage law.
- Rejection of every effort to improve the plight of agricultural workers than in any way ran contrary to the interests of the corporate farmer.
- Refusal to protect the organizational rights of public employees.
- Enactment of \$64 million in additional consumer levies.
- Refusal to give taxpayers any protection against the enrichment of landed monopolists in California that is implicit in Governor Brown's water program passed by the Legislature. The prolonged struggle over the Governor's "labor reform" bill was recounted and analyzed by Haggerty, with this concluding comment:

"The defeat of SB 209 was a necessity in view of the failure of the Governor and Legislature to secure any corrective legisla-

Demo smorgasbord and New Deal film

A 6:30 to 8 smorgasbord dinner will precede the regular meeting of the Alameda Democratic League July 8.

Also featured at the meeting is the Democratic National Committee's film production The Pursuit of Happiness, an exciting review of the presidencies of Wilson, Roosevelt and Truman, and of the campaigns of Adlai Stevenson.

The meeting will be held at the Home of Truth, Grand St. and Alameda Avenue in Alameda. Those not wishing to attend the dinner are welcome later for the meeting and movie.

tion in the field of labor-management relations. But the defeat was a negative victory."

In conclusion, East Bay Labor Journal calls to the attention of all interested in labor legislation the fact that the Federation's 8-page News Letter of June 26 containing Haggerty's report is a very valuable document, and should be kept on accessible file for future reference in all union offices.

Un-Am Committee's conduct protested

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ter of protest to Velde, but never received an answer.

Ash said that the methods of the House Un-American Activities Committee, the former McCarthy Committee in the Senate and the present McClellan Committee in the Senate trample on the rights of citizens.

Motion to authorize sending a letter of protest to Walter was made by Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, and seconded by Pete Cermello, Paint Makers 1101.

'Cat no longer in charge of cream'

"The cat is no longer in charge of the cream," declared Attorney General Stanley Mosk with the signing of the new Collection Agency Law placing the Division of Collection Agencies under the jurisdiction of the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards.

Mosk had submitted to Governor Edmund G. Brown a report of an investigation of collection agency rackets in California, substantiating the necessity for a more adequate law and overall surveillance of collection agency tactics.

1,264,000 on jobs in State in May

While the factory work force in California dipped seasonally in May, the total of 1,264,000 wage and salary workers employed in May was above the depressed level of a year ago by 88,600, or 7½ percent, John F. Henning, California Director of Industrial Relations announced.

Durable goods manufacturing industries claimed nearly all of the year-to-year increase in factory employment, just as these industries bore the brunt of recession cutbacks.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Why every local union should affiliate with the central labor body

Central labor bodies are made up of local unions from various AFLCIO international affiliates. In contrast to international union structure, locals affiliated with a central labor body have a regional rather than an industrial community of interest.

How do internationals feel about these central bodies?

Here's what United Paper-makers and Paperworkers President Paul Phillips has to say on the subject:

"A local union is only doing part of the job for its membership if it is not affiliated with these regional labor organizations.

"We would like to see 100 percent affiliation with central bodies by every UPP local union in the U. S. and Canada." — United Paper.

Teachers asked by city to unionize!

Speaking of teachers being fired for joining a union, here's a clipping Herb Perry sends East Bay Labor Journal from the Birmingham Observer:

Birmingham's six thousand teachers will receive a printed message from the city council in their pay packets at the end of this month, urging them to join trade unions. The message says that the council wishes all its employees to belong to a union "in order that collective bargaining may be satisfactory and fully representative of all grades of employees."

Alderman J. Wood, the chairman of the education committee, explained yesterday that the same leaflet was sent to other council employees eighteen months ago. They were not compelling teachers to join unions, but merely advising them to do so. Representatives of the N.U.T. and the National Association of Schoolmasters said last night that they were waiting for the reactions of their members before deciding whether to take any action. At present it is estimated that about 95 percent of the teachers in the city belong to unions.

Cooks, waitresses, bartenders await signal on Tuesday

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wrote a frantic letter to all tavern owners in the area, dated June 25, starting off with:

"What in the hell is the matter with you? Don't you realize the seriousness of the labor situation this year? This is the most disastrous and worse contract the union has ever presented to our tavern and restaurant industry. Yet at our last meeting on Monday night we had about 65 owners present where there should have been 300."

Mart's indignation waxed high when he declared that under the union proposal "a bartender must have a half hour relief between the 3rd and 5th hours of a shift to sit down and eat his dinner or you will have to give him one hour's overtime at time and a half and \$1.50 for the meal."

Mart wound up, after enumerating various union requests, with this inclusive phrase, "and many more outlandish demands."

Union sources said that a similarly frantic letter had gone out to restaurant owners.

W. J. Dykhous has represented the restaurant people, and Mart the tavern keepers, in the negotiations.

Everywhere the workers affected seemed to think that the strike is almost sure to come, and that "It's about time," as they feel that at present, because of the low wages paid, "the public is eating at our expense."

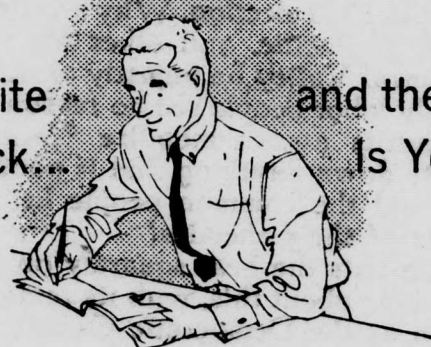
O'Rear asking if Demos selling pottage messes

W. T. O'Rear, secretary-treasurer of the Fresno Labor Council, said recently in the Valley Labor Citizen:

"Has the labor movement been sold a mess of pottage by the Democratic party? A strong and harsh question; let's count to 20 or probably 100 instead of the proverbial 10 before answering."

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Dwellers in glass house throw rocks at Florida?

In another column on this page Harry Lumsden of Shipyard Laborers 886 urges citizens of California to refrain from signing petitions for putting the Fair Employment Practices measure to a referendum vote.

The passing of this bill and its signing by Governor Brown was one of the great triumphs for the advance of civilization in our State which occurred during the recent session of the Legislature. Governor Brown has promised to take the stump for FEPC if necessary all over the State if this measure does go to a referendum vote.

There has been much discussion in California of the case in Florida where young white men were tried, found guilty, and sentenced to life imprisonment for assaulting a Negro girl. And discussion still continues on the frightful lynching case in Mississippi.

Well, talk about what should be done in Florida and Mississippi is cheap. But real support for the new FEPC law in our own State, including a good hard fight against it being repealed by referendum, is not so cheap.

It might well be argued that the State of Florida, considering its location and history, has through this latest court action—though many still say the white men should have been executed rather than sentenced to life imprisonment—has shown more progress than the State of California with its belated passing of the Fair Employment Practices Law.

It took some courage, too, for Governor Coleman of Mississippi to call in the FBI to investigate the lynching, even though the Mississippi law procedure has bogged down on acting on the evidence the FBI collected.

Let's not throw stones if we live in a glass house. And that's where we live if we don't fight to save our FEPC law.

Plain speaking, plain issue

The California Labor Federation has asked that Governor Brown call a special session of the Legislature to get the 160-acre water limitation settled before the November, 1960, general election when the \$1.75 billion water bond issue is submitted to the voters.

Unless the 160-acre limitation clause is written into the water program hundreds of thousands of citizens are going to vote against it in the 1960 election. Why should the Los Angeles Times, the Southern Pacific, and other big reactionary landholders in the Central Valley be unjustly enriched by our water program? Certainly labor people see no reason why they should be. These big outfits always mobilize "farmers" to get the Legislature to vote down anything that is good for the common people. Why should the common people help to increase the wealth and power of their enemies?

The Federation puts the heat squarely on Governor Brown to get something done about this, with its remark that otherwise "he may go down as the Democratic Governor who put California in the water and power business for the enrichment of landed monopolists rather than the people of the State of California."

Plain speaking on a plain issue!

Hoffa and his hope

The recent unanimous decision of the U. S. Court of Appeals upholding the right of court-appointed monitors to force a cleanup of the Teamsters, was a real setback for one Mr. James R. Hoffa. Apparently when Hoffa got impatient during the trial of the case of 13 New York members of the Teamsters against him, and grabbed at the chance to take office with monitors to watch him, he thought the monitors wouldn't amount to much.

But the monitors have amounted to a great deal, and they are now, with renewed court backing, going to amount to still more, even if Hoffa manages to delay final action against him by dragging the case to the Supreme Court.

If Hoffa got impatient during the trial of the 13 men's case against him, and grabbed at a remedy which turned out to be no remedy, so will a certain number of AFLCIO get impatient under the ordeal of having the Teamsters out of the AFLCIO, and will continue to say that "the Teamsters belong back in the AFLCIO." But President Meany has never wavered from the position that they don't belong back in the AFLCIO until Hoffaism has been cleaned out.

Hoffa is hoping that other AFLCIO leaders will weaken and force Meany to surrender. Our hope is that Hoffa's hope is vain.

Let's Get On with the Job



OPINIONS

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FOREIGN GOODS

Editor, Labor Journal:

All you people make me laugh, groaning and moaning about jobless people. All right why don't the unions do something about it?

The stores are full of products made in Japan, made in Europe, made in ??? all underselling American products. The fishing fleets are tied up in San Diego, San Pedro, Pt. Loma the tuna is being shipped in, moving pictures are being made in foreign countries, people think it's smart to buy foreign cars and in every field of industry. A radio shop claimed they have to get parts for an American radio from a foreign country. Do you think for one minute that the big moguls would allow all this to compete with American industry if they didn't have an interest or owned these factories? Cheap labor, cheap products. I wouldn't be a bit surprised if Russia wasn't their market. We are being sold short and industry is laughing up their sleeves at all of us. Here we are giving foreign aid for what for whom to start new factories?

There's a lot of questions and we should get some answers.

We sacrifice to pay taxes, the unions have so much power if they would only get organized and find out what the government is doing with the money that belongs to us. Look at the protection we are getting, guns without parts, our boys are not even getting what we are paying for.

R. JOHNSON
960 A Stret, Hayward

(Editor's Note: But sad experience has shown that "Buy at Home" won't solve all the problems in the modern world.)

FREMONT POLITICS

DAISY-MAE ISELIN, member of Culinary Local 823, owns property in Warm Springs, which is now part of the City of Fremont, and is critical of a statement she says Kenneth Steadman of the Steelworkers, member of the Fremont City Council, made in connection with the "six district merger plan" for the schools.

Mrs. Iselin says that Steadman said at a Niles Chamber of Commerce luncheon:

"If unionization (of the school districts) fails, or if Warm Springs doesn't come in, we'll have to make some changes in the master plan."

She says that Steadman was referring to the master plan the City of Fremont adopted two years ago. She continues in her

letter to East Bay Labor Journal:

"A union leader should lead, he should not threaten, intimidate, or coerce. Councilmen are not authorized to bring politics into the schools, Municipal government should leave the running of the schools to the local school boards, elected by the people."

Mrs. Iselin feels that if a City Councilman who is a labor leader doesn't act well in his public capacity he is in effect unconsciously "campaigning for Proposition 18," as citizens become hostile to unions if they become critical of union leaders in politics.

When East Bay Labor Journal asked Ken Steadman for comment, he said that the statement made at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon was not in any way a threat, but simply a statement of the realities of the situation.

'DWINDLING BURG'

AUGUST HALLING, past president, Bookbinders 31-125, protests an editorial in which San Francisco was referred to as "that dwindling burg on the West side of the Bay."

We were kidding, of course, though somewhat maliciously, because of the claim of the City of San Francisco that if a Golden Gate Authority were set up, San Francisco should have half the members of the board, and Alameda and all the other counties should share the other half. While that wasn't the subject of the editorial in which the malicious phrase was used, the peeve remained in the mind of the editorial writer.

Brother Halling adduces many points to show that San Francisco is not dead yet, with all of which we gladly agree.

BRASS GOT RAISES

While income of factory workers dropped last year, almost half the executives, 47 percent, reporting in a survey conducted by the American Management Association got raises. Another 42 percent held their ground. Just 11 percent took pay cuts. Fifty percent of the companies paid bonuses out of profits. —The Machinist.

FAMILY DOCTOR

The editor of a Wisconsin newspaper says that his father had eight sons and all but one of them became doctors. The exception became a doctor, who treated his brothers for ulcers. —Garment Worker.

LUMSDEN IN WARN'G ON FEPC FIGHT

Harry Lumsden, eloquent member of Shipyard Laborers 886, from time to time gets out a news-letter which he hands to folks who seem in need of the news that's important. It's called "The Truth . . . as time goes by," and is headed by a quotation from Emerson: "For what avail the plough or sail; or land, or life, if freedom fail?" Here is an excerpt from Brother Lumsden's latest news-letter:

After a long but tireless struggle by people who believe in preserving the basic rights of ALL Americans, our state of California has joined the ranks of the other states that have enacted FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES legislation.

This type of laws is intended to guarantee to members of minority groups, the opportunity to be employed in any occupation for which the individual is qualified; irrespective of race, color or creed.

The bill was signed into law on April 16, 1959, but before the ink was dry on the Governor's signature, notice was given by an opponent of the principle of FEP that he intends to lead a campaign to nullify the law.

This will be done by placing the subject matter in the form of an initiative measure before the voters of the entire state to be balloted on in the Presidential election in November 1960. However; before this stage is reached, the sponsors of such a measure must secure the signatures of 262,789 registered voters.

This news-letter is intended as a reminder to ALL of us, to be on our guard, because if we are caught unaware of what is really happening, we will have to fight an opponent of the same determination as the coalition which plagued us during the bitter battle of Amendment No. 18, in 1958.

Do not sign any petition until you discuss its contents with someone in whom you have confidence.

Good government

The notion that the sole concern of a free society is the limitation of governmental authority and that that government is best which governs least is certainly archaic.

Our object today should not be to weaken government in competition with other centers of power, but rather to strengthen it as the agency charged with the responsibility for the common good. That government is best which governs best.

We started out to show in 1932 that our institutions were sufficiently flexible to care for the welfare of all the people.

The demonstration was never made. We have got instead the pressure group state, which cares for the welfare of those who are well enough organized to put on the pressure.—Robert M. Hutchins, president, Fund for the Republic.

School crusade

The failure to launch a national crusade to eliminate the weaknesses in our educational system should be of grave concern to all of us. Furthermore, I believe that we should not only view the situation with concern, but I believe that we should do something about it.

We are living in an age of peril. It may be an age that will extend over a period of 30 to 50 years. I believe that our ability to survive will depend to a very considerable degree on our ability to give all citizens of this nation an equal opportunity to realize their highest potential.—Arthur S. Flemming, secretary, Health, Education and Welfare Dept.